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SUBJ: SOVIET PRESS COMMENTARY - AUGUST 24

MIDDLE EAST. A) IN THE ONLY COVERAGE OF THE SECRETARY'S TRAVELS, PRAVDA'S "INTERNATIONAL WEEK" IMPLIES THAT IT WOULD BE UNREALISTIC TO EXPECT PEACE AND TRANQUILITY TO RESULT FROM THE "TENTH MISSION" TO THE MIDDLE EAST, AND CLAIMS THE SECRETARY HIMSELF WOULD AGREE THAT HE HAS THE MUCH MORE LIMITED GOAL OF A SECOND EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI SINAI AGREEMENT. THE ARTICLE GOES ON TO CONDEMN "RIGHTIST LEADERS" IN ISRAEL WHO STILL SEEK A MILITARY SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM, AND CLAIMS UNSC RESOLUTIONS PROVIDED THE BASIS FOR A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT OF THE CONFLICT.

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B) PRAVDA CITES A BOSTON GLOBE REPORT THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS AGREED TO FURNISH ISRAEL NEW WEAPONS INCLUDING JET AIRCRAFT, ROCKETS, AND LASER CONTROLLED BOMBS.

C) PRAVDA BRIEFLY REPORTS THE PLENARY SESSION OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE LEBANESE COMMUNIST PARTY WHICH CALLED FOR THE UNITY OF ALL ARAB NATIONALIST FORCES IN THEIR STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND REACTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

PORTUGAL. THE "INTERNATIONAL WEEK" ARTICLE DENIES THE EXISTENCE OF ANY SOVIET PLANS TO MEDDLE IN PORTUGESE INTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND CALLS CLAIMS TO THE CONTRARY MISLEADING REPORTS BY THE WESTERN REACTIONARY PRESS. ELESEWHERE, PRAVDA REPORTS "ACTIVE EFFORTS" BY LEADERS TO DEFUSE THE "POLITICAL CRISIS" AND TO "STABILIZE THE SITUATION." WITHOUT INDICATING RESULTS, PRAVDA REPORTS MEETINGS BY COSTA GOMES WITH GONSALVES AND CUNHAL. PRAVDA ALSO CONDEMNS "FASCIST BANDITS" WHO EXPLODED A BOMB IN THE PCP HEADQUARTERS IN BRAGA.

GREECE. PRAVDA BRIEFLY REPORTS THE VERDICTS IN THE TRIAL OF PAPPADAPOULIS AND HIS COHORTS.

BANGLADESH. PRAVDA CITES AN AFP REPORT THAT A PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN DENIED ANY INVOLVEMENT BY ISLAMABAD IN THE BANGLADESH COUP.

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